

## Weekly Field Memo – July 2, 2014

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### NEWS & UPDATES:

#### Personalized Learning Plans for Vermont Students: Grantees Share Their Successes and Next Steps

##### Audience: All

Over 40 educators from across the state convened in Fairlee at the conclusion of the school year to share their work in implementing [Personalized Learning Plans](#) (PLPs). The enactment of PLP requirements through [Act 77](#) of 2013 and the 2014 [Education Quality Standards](#) aims to help students achieve academic success, be prepared for post-secondary opportunities, and engage actively in civic life. [Click here](#) to read the press release.

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#### Cabot School Custodian Honored

##### Audience: All

Peter Ackermann, the Transportation/Facilities/Maintenance Coordinator at Cabot School, was named Vermont's 2014 School Custodian of the Year by the Agency of Education (AOE) and the Vermont School Custodians & Maintenance Association (VSCMA). [Click here](#) to read the press release.

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#### Spotlight on Agency Contact Info: Science, Mathematics & ELA Coordinators

##### Audience: All

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Learn more about the team here: <http://education.vermont.gov/standards-and-assessments>.

#### AOE Communication

##### Audience: All

Our press releases, field memos, calendar of events, and more are online: <http://bit.ly/11ajrtH>. AOE staff information is available online: <http://education.vermont.gov/contact>. View our strategic plan here: <http://bit.ly/1cZbMBP>. Connect with the AOE on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).  
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## LEGISLATIVE & REQUIRED ACTIONS:

### Medicaid Reports

**Audience:** Superintendents, Business Managers, Special Education Directors

Deadline: August 15, 2014

Each year, supervisory unions are required to submit two reports related to Medicaid - the Medicaid Reinvestment Report and the Report on Expenditures of School Health Services. [Click here](#) to view current reports and instructions.

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### Supplemental Education Services (SES) Provider List for 2014-2015 Now Online

**Audience:** All

The 2014-2015 SES Approved Provider List is now online: <http://bit.ly/1jKdmYI>. Learn more about SES here: <http://education.vermont.gov/laws/no-child-left-behind/ses>.

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### School Choice under AYP & NCLB

**Audience:** All

As another school year approaches and the requirement under NCLB that 100% of students show proficiency in English Language Arts and Mathematics, you may receive inquiries about school choice under AYP and NCLB. [Click here](#) to review a Q&A from the Agency. [Click here](#) to learn more about our school effectiveness team.

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

### CCSS "Great Tasks" LNV & Case Study Learning Progressions Workshops Available On Demand

**Audience:** All Mathematics Educators

We have bundled our second and third Professional Learning (PL) opportunities in VE2! The LNV session now has a voice-over Power Point feature, and our Case Studies offer additional time with interpreting evidence of student learning, and acting on that evidence. You can find all you need to recreate the PL in VE2 <http://ve2.vermont.gov/>, Professional Development tab, CCSS Learning Progressions K-5 Place Value Reasoning or CCSS Learning Progressions 6-12 Proportional Reasoning.

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## STANDARDS & ASSESSMENTS:



### Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Resources

#### Audience: All

Check out our Common Core page: <http://bit.ly/1m9D7b4>; resources are added regularly. [Click here](#) to learn more about CCSS ELA and [click here](#) to learn more about CCSS Mathematics.

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### Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS): FAQ

#### Audience: All

What is Science and Engineering Practice #4: Analyzing and Interpreting Data? [Click here](#) to see the answer. [Click here](#) to access the science standards.

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### Smarter Balanced Assessment: FAQ

#### Audience: All

How are the Smarter Balanced test items being evaluated before the implementation of the Smarter Balanced assessments in the 2014-2015 school year? [Click here](#) to read the answer. Read past FAQs here: <http://education.vermont.gov/sbac/frequently-asked-questions>.

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## OTHER EDUCATION NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS:

### Vermont Standards Board for Professional (VSBPE) Releases a Tool for Educators and the Public

#### Audience: All

VSBPE is promoting high standards for teachers by releasing a [video introduction](#) to the [Vermont Core Teaching Standards](#) and [InTASC Learning Progressions](#). The media piece introduces educators and the public to the new teaching standards and progressions that establish a coherent system of support for educators. [Click here](#) to read the press release. [Click here](#) to learn more about the VSBPE.

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### VSAC Provides Naviance Update

#### Audience: Principals, Superintendents, Curriculum Coordinators, Teachers, School Counselors

Reminder to middle and high schools that there's still time to sign up to use Naviance as the comprehensive tool to implement [PLPs](#) in your schools. If your school already has a contract with

Naviance, [VSAC](#) can help you obtain your refund. VSAC is finalizing the templates for the PLP module in Naviance and will be scheduling trainings with schools soon. More info to come via our [website](#).

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### **Vermont 2-1-1**

#### **Audience: All**

Using [Vermont 2-1-1](#) as a network communication system can support schools in getting vital information to parents and public. 2-1-1 is eager to test the system through a cooperative emergency drill to ensure the system of communication is sound. Learn more here: <http://www.vermont211.org/>.

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### **Letter from US Education Secretary Arne Duncan: School Counselors**

#### **Audience: All**

Decades of professional experience confirm—and an emerging body of research indicates—that school counselors play a critical role in helping to ensure that our nation's students graduate from high school ready for college and careers. [Click here](#) to read the full letter.

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This Field Memo is posted weekly by the Vermont Agency of Education (VT-AOE) to better organize our e-communications to the field. There may be times when separate messages from the Agency will still be sent. In addition, the VT-AOE Weekly Field Memo is [archived](#) on the Agency of Education website. For information which is three months or older, or for other questions, please contact Angela Ross, Public Information Officer, at (802) 479-1240 or [angela.ross@state.vt.us](mailto:angela.ross@state.vt.us).

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